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In re Application of: Chauvel et al  
Application No. 10/632,222  
Filed: July 31, 2003  
For: Processor With Pre-Decode Logic That  
Detects A Prefix In An Instruction And Causes A  
Program Counter To Be Skipped

**DECISION SUA SPONTE  
WITHDRAWING OFFICE  
ACTIONS**

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

This application is held abandoned for failure to file a timely response to the Final rejection mailed on September 6, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 8, 2008.

A review of the file record indicates that a pre-appeal conference request was timely filed by applicant on December 8, 2006. The decision on the pre-appeal conference request was mailed to applicant on December 20, 2007. Applicant filed a response on February 7, 2008, along with an extension of time for 1 month. Applicant also filed an appeal brief on February 8, 2008.

**United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices: 12 July 2005** regarding the New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program states in part:

This program is designed to allow applicants who think there is a clear deficiency in the *prima facie* case in support of a rejection to file the request at the same time that they file a notice of appeal. This affords the Office the best opportunity to ensure that applicant will promptly receive a decision on the request. If the request is filed with the notice of appeal, the period of time for filing the appeal brief will be the later of the two-month period set in 37 CFR 41.37(a) or one month from the mail date of the decision on the request....

...The time period for filing an appeal brief will be reset to be one month from mailing of the decision on the request, or the balance of the two-month time period running from the receipt of the notice of appeal, whichever is greater. Further, the time period for filing of the appeal brief is extendible under 37 CFR 1.136 based upon the mail date of the decision on the request or the receipt date of the notice of appeal, as applicable. To the extent that any existing USPTO rule is inconsistent with this pilot program, the rule is waived until regulations directed to pre-appeal brief conferences are promulgated, or the pilot program is ended.

Hence, based on the above, it is seen that a response was timely filed by applicant and received at the USPTO on February 8, 2008.

Hence, although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the holding of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn. The Office regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for further action.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4210.

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